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Remicade (Infliximab)

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Committee Recommends Use Of Remicade With Methotrexate
The Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products of the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products has issued a positive opinion recommending approval of Remicade with methotrexate for RA, from Doctors Guide.

Etanercept And Infliximab Prove Effective
Another report about the studies which appeared in the New England Journal of Medicine about etanercept and infliximab, from Johns Hopkins.

Europe Union Approves Remicade With Methotrexate For RA
The European Union's Commission of the European Communities has granted marketing authorization to Remicade with methotrexate for the improvement in physical function of patients with rheumatoid arthritis and a reduction in the rate of



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FDA Appr ves Arthritis Treatment
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FDA Approves Remicade With Methotrexate For RA
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Remicade to inhibit the progression of joint damage in patients with rheumatoid arthritis, from DG News.

Infliximab And Methotrexate In Treatment Of RA
In patients with persistently active RA despite methotrexate treatment, repeated doses of infliximab in combination with methotrexate provided clinical benefit and halted progression of joint damage, from NEJM.

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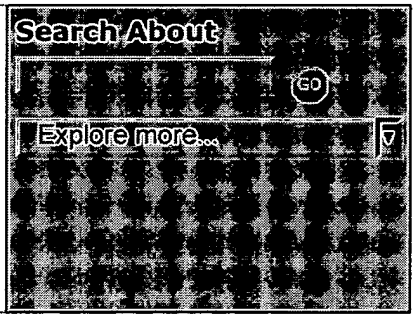
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Infliximab Appears To Alleviate Rheumatoi Arthritis Symptoms

LONDON, U.K. -- December 3, 1999 -- New evidence emerged about a drug that can alleviate many of the associated with rheumatoid arthritis. Such evidence is since not all patients in the early stages of rheumatoi can respond to methotrexate, the standard treatment disease.

In a report published in this week's edition of *The Lan* Ravinder Maini and colleagues from The Mathilda an Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology, London, UK, hig efficacy of infliximab, an anti-tumour necrosis factor al monoclonal antibody. Researchers have developed m antibodies to target tumour necrosis factor alpa beca mounting evidence that this substance has a central r pathogenesis of rheumatoid arthritis.

Their results showed that individuals administered a c dose of infliximab with the established clinical product methotrexate achieved significant alleviation of arthriti compared with a control group administered methotre placebo.

428 patients took part in this international study, and half of patients given methotrexate and infliximab per percent improvement in their physical well-being com one fifth of patients treated with methotrexate and a p Nearly 30 percent of patients given infliximab and met compared with 5 percent of patients given methotrexa reported a 50 percent improvement. All patients' sym analysed after 30 weeks treatment. Infliximab was als be well tolerated by patients in the study, whereas me had a history of negative side-effects.

The investigators comment that whilst these results ar encouraging "the cost-effectiveness [of this drug] mus longer-term data evaluating the cost of this therapy a improvement of quality of life that might follow."

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ENBREL Explained

ENBREL in Brief

ENBREL is a breakthrough rheumatoid arthritis (RA) therapy — the first and only treatment of its kind that can be used alone (i.e., without the use of methotrexate). A protein that resembles one the body produces naturally, ENBREL works with your immune system to help control the inflammation caused by RA. By enhancing the action of this naturally occurring protein, ENBREL treats your RA on two levels: (1) it helps control your pain, stiffness, and other discomfort and (2) it inhibits the progression of damage to your joints.

ENBREL can benefit a wide range of people with varying degrees of RA symptoms: from recently diagnosed adults who have moderate pain to individuals who have struggled with severe symptoms for many years. More than 75,000 people now use ENBREL. Only you and your doctor can determine if ENBREL may be right for you. ENBREL is available by prescription only. (To read about assembling the "RA Care Team" that's best for you, click here.)

ENBREL is indicated for reducing signs and symptoms and inhibiting the progression of structural damage in patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis.

In addition to RA, ENBREL is also approved for reduction in signs and symptoms of moderately to severely active polyarticular-course juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA) in patients 4 years of age and older who have had an inadequate response to one or more disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs).

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Relieving Pain

In medical studies, people using ENBREL reported significant reductions in pain, fatigue, and the amount of time feeling stiff in the morning. They also reported major improvements in their ability to perform routine tasks, overall vitality, and frame of mind.

TNF inhibito
An agent th blocks the a of TNF mol which are b to trigger joi inflammatio RA.

Methotrexat
An immunosup agent com prescribed f variety of conditions.

JRA:
A form of a that affects children and teenagers.

Most patients began to experience improvement soon after starting ENBREL, and their positive results continued over an extended period of time (up to 3 years).

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Inhibiting the Progression of Joint Damage

Even when RA pain is not severe, the disease can be causing serious damage to the joints. If the RA remains uncontrolled and continues to destroy joint tissue over time, the joints can become deformed and disabled, sometimes permanently. Joint damage can occur in the earliest stages of RA — even in as little as 4 months.

Medical studies have shown that ENBREL can effectively inhibit the progression of damage in the joints.

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Convenient Dosing

ENBREL can be self-injected. It is given twice a week, 72 to 96 hours apart. This treatment design offers several benefits:

- *Convenience.* Other than for your training dose,* there's no need to go to a doctor's office for treatment. You give yourself the injections in your own home.
- *Control.* You determine the dosing routine that's best for you.
- *Support.* ENBREL provides a variety of support tools that help you master the self-injection process quickly.
- *Simplicity.* There is no need for routine laboratory monitoring specific to ENBREL. Careful medical management by your health care professional is recommended.

* ENBREL should not be self-administered unless a patient has been properly instructed by a qualified health care professional.

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